

# MIT Cleared in Shin Lawsuit; New Facts Put Doubt to Suicide

By Kelley Rivoire  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

In an unexpected turn, several defendants in the wrongful death lawsuit filed by the parents of Elizabeth H. Shin '02 plan to argue that Shin's death was not a suicide as previously thought. A judge recently cleared MIT, but not Institute administrators and doctors, of charges of wrongdoing in the \$27.65 million lawsuit.

The discovery phase of the case has drawn out new evidence indicating that Shin's death in 2000 was "much more likely a mistake" than a suicide, said Curtis R. Diedrich, a lawyer representing Dr. Linda Cunningham, who treated Shin at MIT Medical. The doctor who wrote the death certificate was "not necessarily in a position to make a determination whether this was something [Shin] intended or not," he said, declining to give further explanation as litigation is ongoing.

In a document requesting dismissal of counts against them, two MIT administrators also wrote that if the case went to trial, they would argue that Shin's death was not a suicide. William Dailey Jr., who represents the other doctors named in the lawsuit, declined to comment on whether his clients would make a similar argument.

In 2000, Shin committed suicide

by self-inflicted burns, according to her death certificate, in her Random Hall room. Her death followed more than a year of mental health treatment at MIT Medical.

## Charges against MIT dismissed

Unlike in the previous two wrongful death lawsuits against the Institute, which MIT settled, MIT will pay no money to the Shins.

All four counts against the Institute were dismissed by Justice Christine M. McEvoy of the Massachusetts Superior Court, who granted the motion of summary judgment in late June in favor of MIT. A summary judgment in favor of MIT means that no issues of fact exist that could implicate MIT, and that MIT cannot reasonably be viewed as liable on those counts.

Three of the four counts deal with contractual obligations of the Institute to provide "necessary and reasonable" medical services to Shin. McEvoy's decision said that there was no record of "specific promises" by MIT Medical staff to Shin; therefore, "there was no contract" between MIT and the Shins.

David A. DeLuca, a lawyer representing the Shin family, said that the counts against MIT might have been limited by the "immunity that the institution enjoys" as an educational in-



Lightning flickers over the Boston skyline on Monday night during a violent thunderstorm.

RYAN LEE

stitution. Daryl Lapp, who represents MIT, did not return multiple requests for comment.

McEvoy's decision is available online at <http://www-tech.mit.edu/V125/N30/shin-decision.pdf>, and the original complaint filed by the Shins can be found at <http://www-tech.mit.edu/V125/N30/shin-complaint.pdf>.

In 2000, MIT settled with the parents of Scott S. Krueger '01, who died of alcohol poisoning, giving \$1.25 million for a scholarship and \$4.75 million in compensatory damages. More recently, MIT settled a wrongful death suit with the parents of Richard A. Guy Jr. '99 earlier this summer, agreeing to fund a limited number of students in pre-orientation

Shin, Page 11

# Vice President Curry Takes Consulting Job

## Turnover Continues in Top Administration

By Kathy Lin  
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

Executive Vice President John R. Curry will leave MIT next month for the Huron Consulting Group. His departure is the third from MIT's highest administrative positions since December 2004.

Following turnover, only Chancellor Philip L. Clay PhD '75 will remain a veteran member of the upper-level administration. President Susan Hockfield took over from Charles M. Vest in December, and L. Rafael Reif took over as provost only this Monday, replacing Robert A. Brown, who is now the president of Boston University.

The announcement was made yesterday in a press release from the MIT News Office and an e-mail to faculty and staff from Hockfield.

Curry became MIT's first executive vice president seven years ago, and "is responsible for the overall leadership, management, and orga-

nization of the Institute's administrative and financial affairs," according to his biography on MIT's Web site.

About 1,600 MIT employees report to Curry, according to the News Office press release. Curry's accomplishments at MIT include "the massive capital renewal program that added 1.5 million square feet to the campus," including the Stata Center, Zesiger Sports and Fitness Center, Simmons Hall and the new Brain and Cognitive Sciences Project, according to Hockfield's e-mail to faculty and staff.

Curry plans to join the Huron Consulting Group, a business consulting organization, as the managing director of their higher education practice, according to the press release.

Hockfield will soon initiate a search for Curry's replacement, she wrote in her e-mail.

Curry was not immediately available for comment last night.

# Reif Succeeds Brown as New Provost

By Ray He  
STAFF REPORTER

Professor L. Rafael Reif took the office of provost this Monday, following the July 12 announcement of his appointment by President Susan Hockfield.

As provost, Reif said he plans to

continue many of former Provost Robert Brown's initiatives and to pursue the goals that Hockfield outlined in her inaugural speech. He also said he will emphasize certain initiatives such as increasing diversity among faculty and students and maintaining MIT's financial future. Also important

is MIT's role in "business, globalization, and the global economy."

He said a constant focus will be on attracting international students to the Institute and lobbying the government to help reduce the security barriers

Rafael Reif, Page 7



BRIAN HEMOND—THE TECH

Well-wishers congratulate former Provost Robert A. Brown on his appointment as president of Boston University at a celebration held at the R & D Pub in Building 32 last Tuesday afternoon.

## Nathan H. Cook

MIT NEWS OFFICE

Nathan H. Cook '50, an MIT professor emeritus of mechanical engineering, former MacGregor housemaster and World War II veteran, died on July 13 in his Eastham home after a long battle with cancer. He was 80.

Cook, whose teaching and research were primarily in the areas of materials processing, machine tools and instrumentation, had served as head of the materials processing laboratory in the mechanical engineering department.

"Nate was one of those rare persons who was humble, fair, open-minded, caring and extremely intelligent. His personal integrity was one that many of his friends and former students have tried to emulate. His contributions to the field of manufacturing and instrumentation have been internationally recognized and will continue

to influence the thinking of future scholars and engineers," said Professor of Mechanical Engineering Nam P. Suh '59.

Born in Ridgewood, N.J., in 1925, Cook enlisted in the Navy in 1943 and served aboard the destroyer USS Newcomb, based in the Pacific Ocean. Upon his return from the war, he studied at MIT on the GI Bill. Cook received an SB in 1950, SM in 1951, ME in 1954 and ScD in 1955, all from MIT.

Cook joined the MIT faculty in 1953 and became a full professor in 1965. He wrote several textbooks and consulted with dozens of companies, before and after his retirement from MIT.

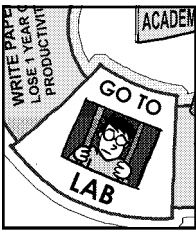
Cook and his wife, Alice "Col- lie" (Collins) Cook, served as housemasters at MacGregor House from 1970 to 1985, when he retired

Cook, Page 7



'Wedding Crash- ers' provides laughs, but isn't a movie to remember.

Page 8



Comics

Page 5

## NEWS

Committee to Select Next Dean for Undergraduate Education Seeking Input . . . . . Page 7  
News Briefs . . . . . Page 7  
Police Log . . . . . Page 7

World & Nation . . . . . 2  
Dilbert . . . . . 4  
Arts . . . . . 8  
Sports . . . . . 12

# WORLD & NATION

## Thousands of Settlers Protest Planned Withdrawal From Gaza

By Greg Myre  
THE NEW YORK TIMES SEDEROT, ISRAEL

With a huge police contingent keeping close watch, thousands of right-wing Israelis protested Tuesday night against the planned withdrawal of Jewish settlers from the Gaza Strip.

In perhaps the last major rally before the evacuation, which is to begin in two weeks, the orange-clad protesters gathered here in Sederot, a town just a couple of miles beyond Gaza's perimeter fence and the most frequent target of Palestinian rocket fire in recent years.

Palestinians fired rockets aimed toward Sederot while the rally was under way, but two fell in Palestinian areas in northern Gaza, killing a three-year-old Palestinian boy and wounding nine Palestinians, the Associated Press reported. A third rocket landed in a field near Sederot. The Israeli military said it was checking the reports but had no immediate comment.

## Two Aides to Rove Testify In CIA Leak Inquiry

By David Johnston  
THE NEW YORK TIMES WASHINGTON

Two aides to Karl Rove, the senior White House adviser, testified last Friday before a federal grand jury investigating whether government officials illegally disclosed the identity of an undercover CIA operative, according to a person who has been officially briefed on the case.

The aides, Susan B. Ralston and Israel Hernandez, were asked about grand jury testimony given on July 13 by Matthew Cooper, a reporter for *Time* magazine, the person who was briefed said. Cooper has said that he testified about a July 11, 2003, conversation with Rove in which the CIA officer was discussed.

The aides' grand jury appearances were first reported by ABC News and provided the first sign that the prosecutor in the case is interested in following up on Cooper's testimony with more questions for the White House about Rove. A person sympathetic to Rove said that the questions seemed typical of those posed by a prosecutor wrapping up the loose ends of an inquiry. That person and the one who has been briefed spoke only on the condition of anonymity because the prosecutor has warned people not to discuss the case.

## Judge in Iran Who Sentenced Journalist Is Slain

By Nazila Fathi  
THE NEW YORK TIMES TEHRAN, IRAN

An Iranian judge who presided over the high-profile trial and conviction of an Iranian journalist five years ago was assassinated by a gunman on a motorcycle in central Tehran on Tuesday.

Assassination attempts are rare in Iran. This is the first such attack since 1999, when a general, Ali Sayyad Shirazi, was gunned down. An Iranian opposition group in exile, the People's Mujahedeen, took responsibility for that killing.

Witnesses to the killing on Tuesday told the police that about 4 p.m. a gunman sped toward the judge, Massoud Moqadasi, who was also a deputy prosecutor, and shot him twice in the head in his car before fleeing. The killing took place near Argentine Square in central Tehran.

Why Moqadasi, who primarily handled cases of social vice, became a target was not immediately clear. The Tehran police chief, Morteza Talai, told the news agency ISNA that the police were checking the judge's recent cases in search of a motive.

# Europe to End Talks If Iran Resumes Nuclear Programs

By Elaine Sciolino  
THE NEW YORK TIMES PARIS

France, Britain and Germany formally warned Iran on Tuesday that they will end their two-year negotiations over the country's nuclear program and pursue punitive action if Iran carries out its threat to resume sensitive nuclear work.

But underscoring their determination to keep the talks going, the Europeans also asked Iran to wait until they presented it with a package of incentives before breaking its freeze on uranium conversion and enrichment activities.

"Were Iran to resume currently suspended activities, our negotiations would be brought to an end, and we would have no other option but to pursue other courses of action," the foreign ministers of the three countries said in a letter to Hassan Rowhani, the head of Iran's Supreme National Security Council. "We therefore call upon Iran not to resume suspended activities or take other unilateral steps."

The letter, which is backed by the 25-nation European Union, comes as the International Atomic Energy

Agency, the U.N. nuclear monitoring agency, has agreed to Iran's request to install surveillance cameras at its nuclear facility in Isfahan to enable Iran to resume its uranium enrichment activities under international safeguards.

Once the cameras are functioning, which will take about a week, Iran could resume activities and legally still be in compliance with its obligations under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, two senior IAEA officials said.

But if it did so, Iran would be breaking its voluntary agreement with the Europeans to indefinitely suspend such activities as long as negotiations continued.

In Iran on Tuesday, Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman, Hamid Reza Asefi, rejected the Europeans' warning, vowing that his country would never abandon its "legitimate rights" to peaceful nuclear technology under international law. "The time for threats and intimidation is over," Asefi was quoted by the official Iranian news agency IRNA as saying.

But the senior IAEA official, who spoke on the condition of ano-

nymity under agency rules, said that agency inspectors had visited the Isfahan site Tuesday and that Iran had not yet broken protective seals and started the machines working again.

The verbal battle is the latest — and potentially most serious — contest between Iran and the three European countries acting under the umbrella of the European Union. If Iran carries out its threat to resume nuclear work, the Europeans, with the prodding of the Bush administration, will have no choice but to seek to have Iran punished in some way by the U.N. Security Council, even if only with a resolution of concern or disapproval.

Unless Iran is in clear violation of its international obligations, it will be difficult to persuade the Security Council to impose punitive economic measures.

The Bush administration is convinced that Iran has a secret nuclear weapons facility and is moving forward to make bombs. The Europeans also believe that Iran wants nuclear weapons, but is determined to at least stall the process through negotiations.

# Roberts Tells Congress Judges Must Be 'Modest' and Flexible

By Sheryl Gay Stolberg  
and David E. Rosenbaum  
THE NEW YORK TIMES WASHINGTON

In his first written response to questions from the lawmakers who will review his nomination to the Supreme Court, Judge John G. Roberts Jr. told the Senate Judiciary Committee on Tuesday that judges must possess "a degree of modesty and humility," must be respectful of legal precedent and must be willing to change their minds.

The remarks, contained in a brief essay on judicial activism, expand on private conversations Roberts has had with senators, in which he has said he places a high emphasis on "modesty" and "stability." The essay, which provides the public the first glimpse of Roberts' philosophy in his own words, was part of his response to a wide-ranging questionnaire the

Senate Judiciary Committee sent him a week ago. In it, the nominee seeks to cast himself as a proponent of judicial restraint — a quality prized by senators at a time when conservative critics of the judiciary are bemoaning activist judges.

"Judges must be constantly aware that their role, while important, is limited," Roberts writes. "They do not have a commission to solve society's problems, as they see them, but simply to decide cases before them according to the rule of law."

The 10-page questionnaire yielded 83 pages of response from Roberts. It included information about his financial assets and net worth — nearly \$5.3 million, including a stock portfolio worth more than \$1.6 million — his work during Bush v. Gore, the Supreme Court case that decided the 2000 election in President Bush's favor, and his membership, or lack

thereof, in the Federalist Society, a conservative legal group.

It also included fresh details about the White House interview process that led to Roberts' nomination after the resignation of Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. Roberts said it began April 1 when Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales interviewed him for a potential Supreme Court vacancy. At that time the administration had expected that the first opening on the court would come when the ailing chief justice, William H. Rehnquist, stepped down.

That interview was followed by a second, on May 3, with an especially high-powered cast of characters: Vice President Dick Cheney, White House Chief of Staff Andrew H. Card Jr.; Karl Rove, Bush's chief political strategist; Harriet Miers, the White House legal counsel; and Gonzales.

# WEATHER

## The Tropics

By Robert Korty  
STAFF METEOROLOGIST

MIT has made news again this week, as research by meteorology Professor Kerry Emanuel PhD '78 provided the first evidence that the planet's warming climate has influenced tropical cyclone activity over the past several decades. Earlier research had confirmed a rather surprising stability: 90 tropical storms form somewhere on the planet each year; this number varies by less than 10 from year to year. What Emanuel's research shows, however, is that the average storm intensity has risen and the lifetime of storms has increased. This means that more storms are approaching the upper bound of thermodynamically viability, and that they are surviving at their peak intensities for a longer duration.

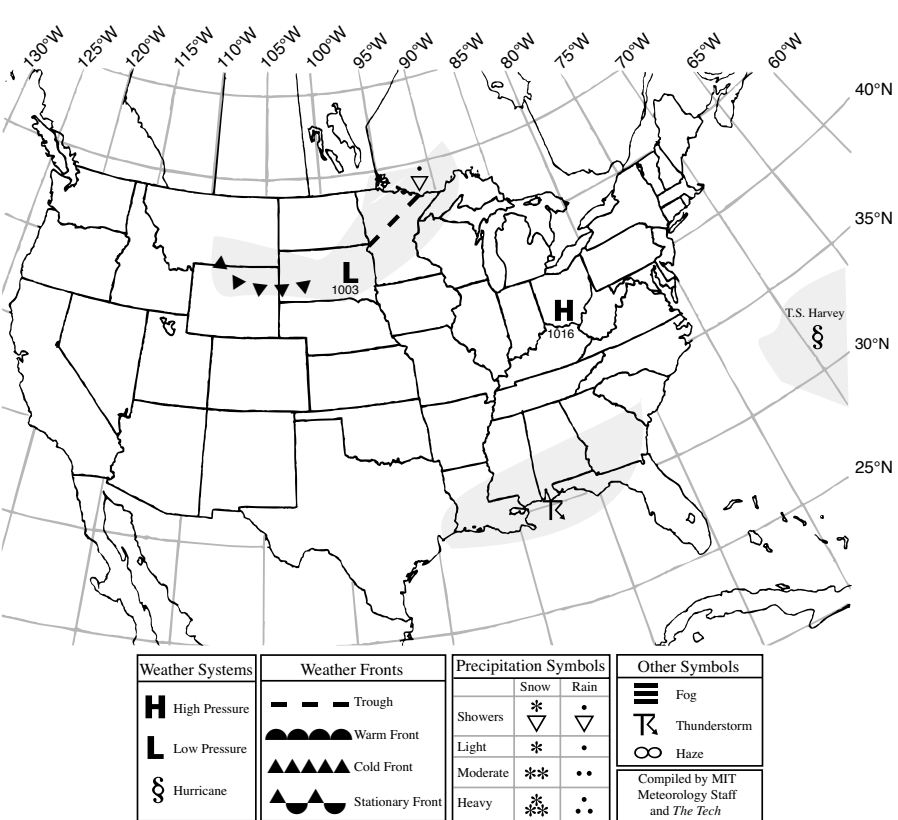
No one can say that a particular storm or even a particular season is abnormal owing to global warming. But what this research shows is that the cumulative energy carried by storms in the deep tropics is increasing with temperatures at those latitudes. This year is already off to a record pace with seven storms named in the Atlantic during June and July (it is common for only one to be named in this basin by the start of August), and temperatures in the Atlantic are running several degrees above average for this time of year. The coming months are likely to be quite busy.

For us, fairly typical August weather should prevail this week. Warm (though not oppressive) days and mild nights may be punctuated by isolated thunderstorms at any point, but there will be abundant sunshine through the weekend.

### Extended Forecast:

**Today through Friday:** Mostly sunny with highs 85–90°F (29–32°C); lows near 65°F (19°C) at night.

Situation for Noon Eastern Daylight Time, Wednesday, August 3, 2005



# Russia Expels ABC Reporters After Interview with Chechen

By Steven Lee Myers  
THE NEW YORK TIMES

MOSCOW

Russia announced Tuesday that it was barring journalists from ABC News from working here, effectively expelling a foreign news organization for the first time since the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Russia's step came in retaliation for ABC's broadcast of an interview with Shamil Basayev, the Chechen rebel leader who has ordered or carried out some of the worst terrorist acts in the country's history, including the school siege in Beslan last September that left 330 people dead.

The decision underscored not only Russia's sensitivity to foreign perceptions of the war in Chechnya, but also a seething and evi-

dently growing antipathy toward the United States and other countries viewed as hostile towards Russia.

Defense Minister Sergei B. Ivanov, had already called the network an "outlaw" and ordered the military to cease any contact with it after the interview, featured on the ABC News program "Nightline" on Thursday. The Foreign Ministry took the unusual step of summoning the top American diplomat in Moscow the next day to complain formally.

The ministry went further on Tuesday. In a statement published on its Web site and repeated on state television by its deputy spokesman, Boris N. Malakhov, it said Russia would not renew the accreditations of journalists working for ABC

once they expire. Foreign journalists cannot work legally in Russia without the accreditation.

In the meantime, the statement said no officials would cooperate with the network, saying the interview amounted to "propagandizing terrorism."

The Kremlin under President Vladimir V. Putin has long faced criticism for tightening state control over the media in Russia, especially when it comes to coverage of political opposition and the second war in Chechnya, which began nearly six years ago and grinds on still.

It was the first time, however, that the Russian government directly — and openly — singled out an entire news organization for its reporting.

## CIBC to Pay \$2.4B in Enron Case

By Jeff Bailey  
THE NEW YORK TIMES

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce agreed Tuesday to pay \$2.4 billion to settle claims that it helped hide accounting losses at the Enron Corp., raising to \$7.1 billion the sum that banks and other defendants have thus far agreed to pay to compensate investors.

The agreement follows by weeks settlements by Citigroup of \$2 billion and J.P. Morgan Chase of \$2.2 billion, as part of a sprawling case in federal court in Houston that accuses financial institutions and others of helping Enron pull off accounting deceptions that preceded its bankruptcy filing in 2001.

The amount makes it the largest class-action securities settlement on record and puts pressure on the remaining defendants in the lawsuit to settle.

Canadian Imperial, based in Toronto and known as CIBC, is a far smaller bank than Citigroup or Chase, and had previously set aside about \$246 million for its Enron risk, a spokesman said. Tuesday the bank said it would record a pretax charge of about \$2.3 billion in its third quarter ended July 31 to cover the settlement "and its remaining Enron-related legal matters."

For fiscal 2004, which ended Oct. 31, CIBC had net income of about \$1.8 billion.

## Jet Skids, Burns in Toronto; All 309 Aboard Safe

By Clifford Krauss  
THE NEW YORK TIMES

TORONTO

An Air France passenger jet from Paris with 309 people on board skidded off a runway and within minutes burst into flames on Tuesday while landing in stormy weather at Pearson International Airport here. But all the passengers and crew members were able to scurry down escape chutes within five minutes after the crash, just before the fire spread through much of the aircraft. No one was seriously hurt.

"We were in shock; we thought the plane would blow up," one of the passengers, Olivier Dubois, told Canadian Television. "We were all running really fast out of there. We just tried to escape, sliding and running into the countryside."

Airport officials estimated that of the 297 passengers and 12 crew members on board, 24 people had minor injuries, mostly bruises sustained during the plane's slide and the wild dash through the jet and down escape chutes.

# Debate on Intelligent Design Builds After Bush States Support for Idea

By Elisabeth Bumiller  
THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

A sharp debate between scientists and religious conservatives escalated Tuesday over comments by President Bush that the theory of intelligent design should be taught with evolution in the nation's public schools.

In an interview at the White House on Monday with a group of Texas newspaper reporters, Bush appeared to endorse the push by many of his conservative Christian supporters to give intelligent design equal treatment with the theory of evolution in public schools.

universe. Invigorated by a recent push by conservatives, the theory has been gaining support in school districts in 20 states, with Kansas in the lead.

Marburger said that it would be "overinterpreting" Bush's remarks to say that the president believes that intelligent design and evolution should be given equal treatment in schools.

But Bush's conservative supporters said that the president had indicated exactly that in his remarks.

"It's what I've been pushing, it's what a lot of us have been pushing," said Richard Land, the president of the ethics and religious liberties commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. Land, who has close ties to the White House, said that evolution "is too often taught as fact," and that "if you're going to teach the Darwinian theory as evolution, teach it as theory. And then teach another theory that has the most support among scientists."



# MIT CRIME CLUB

Interested in campus security? Want to make MIT a safer place? Want to improve relations with campus police and inform fellow students?

Join the MIT Crime Club! We are a fun-loving group of MIT students concerned with enhancing campus safety, assisting students, and increasing communication with MIT Police.

Contact club president, Laura Hajj, at [hajj@mit.edu](mailto:hajj@mit.edu) or vice president, Laura Sutton, at [lsutton@mit.edu](mailto:lsutton@mit.edu) for more information.

We are urgently looking for web designers.

Recalling his days as Texas governor, Bush said in the interview, according to a transcript, "I felt like both sides ought to be properly taught." Asked again by a reporter whether he believed that both sides in the debate between evolution and intelligent design should be taught in the schools, Bush replied that he did, "so people can understand what the debate is about."

Bush was pressed as to whether he accepted the view that intelligent design was an alternative to evolution, but he did not directly answer. "I think that part of education is to expose people to different schools of thought," he said, adding that "you're asking me whether or not people ought to be exposed to different ideas, and the answer is yes."

On Tuesday, the president's conservative Christian supporters and the leading institute advancing intelligent design embraced Bush's comments, while scientists and advocates of the separation of church and state disparaged them. At the White House, where intelligent design has been discussed in a weekly Bible study group, Bush's science adviser, John H. Marburger III, sought to play down the president's remarks as common sense and old news.

Marburger said in a telephone interview that "evolution is the cornerstone of modern biology" and "intelligent design is not a scientific concept." Marburger also said that Bush's remarks should be interpreted to mean that the president believes that intelligent design should be discussed as part of the "social context" in science classes.

Intelligent design, advanced by a group of academics and intellectuals and some biblical creationists, disputes the idea that natural selection — the force Charles Darwin suggested drove evolution — fully explains the complexity of life. Instead, intelligent design proponents say that life is so intricate that only a powerful guiding force, or intelligent designer, could have created it.

Intelligent design does not identify the designer, but critics say the theory is a thinly disguised argument for God and the divine creation of the

Dilbert®

by Scott Adams



Editor in Chief

Kelley Rivoire '06

Business Manager

Lucy Li '06

Managing Editor

Michael McGraw-Herdeg '08

NEWS STAFF

**News Editors:** Beckett W. Sterner '06, Marissa Vogt '06, Jenny Zhang '06; **Staff:** Waseem S. Daher '07, Ray C. He '07, Tongyan Lin '07, Hanhan Wang '07, Tiffany Chen '08, Michael Snella '08, Marie Y. Thibault '08, Jiao Wang '08, John A. Hawkinson; **Meteorologists:** Ce-geon Chan G, Jon Moskaitis G, Michael J. Ring G, Roberto Rondanelli G, Brian Tang G, Robert Korty G.

PRODUCTION STAFF

**Editors:** Tiffany Dohzen '06, Austin Chu '08; **Staff:** Joy Forsythe G, Wanda W. Lau G, Sie Hendrata Dharmawan '05, Jennifer Huang '07, Sylvia Yang '07, Evan Chan '08, James R. Peacock IV '08.

OPINION STAFF

**Editor:** Ruth Miller '07; **Associate Editor:** Ali S. Wyne '08; **Staff:** Ken Nesmith '04, Nick Bal-dasaro '05, W. Victoria Lee '06, Josh Levinger '07, Chen Zhao '07, Julián Villarreal '07.

SPORTS STAFF

**Editor:** Brian Chase '06; **Staff:** Caitlin Murray '06, Yong-yi Zhu '06, Travis Johnson '08.

ARTS STAFF

**Editors:** Kevin G. Der '06, Jacqueline O'Connor '06; **Staff:** Bogdan Fedeles G, Jorge Padilla, Jr. '05, Jessica O. Young '06, Nivair H. Gabriel '08.

PHOTOGRAPHY STAFF

**Editors:** Brian Hemond G, Yun Wu '06, Omari Stephens '08; **Staff:** Jimmy Cheung G, Frank Dabek G, Dmitry Portnyagin G, Stanley Hu '00, Andrew W. Yip '02, Scott Johnston '03, John M. Cloutier '06, Grant Jordan '06, Stephanie Lee '06, Edward Platt '06, Batya Fellman '08, Scot Frank '08, Tiffany Iaconis '08, Christina Kang '08, Nicole Koullisis '08, Erqi Liu '08, Kenneth Yan '08.

CAMPUS LIFE STAFF

**Editor:** Zach Ozer '07; **Columnists:** Monica Byrne G, Emily Kagan G, Kailas Narendran '01, Bill Andrews '05, Daniel Corson '05, Mark Liao '06; **Cartoonists:** Jason Burns G, Brian Loux G, Emezie Okorafor '03, Josie Sung '06, Ash Turza '08, James Biggs.

BUSINESS STAFF

**Advertising Managers:** Jeffrey Chang '08, Yi Wang '08; **Operations Manager:** Jennifer Wong '07; **Staff:** Melissa Chu '08, Daniel Ding '08.

TECHNOLOGY STAFF

**Director:** Shreyes Seshasai '08; **Staff:** Lisa Wray '07, Connie Yee '08.

EDITORS AT LARGE

**Contributing Editor:** Kathy Lin '05; **Senior Editors:** Keith J. Winstein G, Jennifer Krishnan '04, Akshay Patil '04, Christine R. Fry '05.

ADVISORY BOARD

Peter Peckarsky '72, Paul E. Schindler, Jr. '74, V. Michael Bove '83, Barry Surman '84, Robert E. Malchman '85, Deborah A. Levinson '91, Jonathan Richmond PhD '91, Saul Blumenthal '98, Ryan Ochylski '01, Rima Arnaout '02, Eric J. Cholanckeril '02, Ian Lai '02, Nathan Collins SM '03, Jyoti Tibrewala '04, B. D. Colen.

PRODUCTION STAFF FOR THIS ISSUE

**Editors:** Austin Chu '08, John A. Hawkinson; **Staff:** Sie Hendrata Dharmawan '05, Michael McGraw-Herdeg '08.

*The Tech* (ISSN 0148-9607) is published on Tuesdays and Fridays during the academic year (except during MIT vacations), Wednesdays during January and monthly during the summer for \$45.00 per year Third Class by *The Tech*, Room W20-483, 84 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, Mass. 02139. Third Class postage paid at Boston, Mass. Permit No. 1. **POSTMASTER:** Please send all address changes to our mailing address: *The Tech*, P.O. Box 397029, Cambridge, Mass. 02139-7029. Telephone: (617) 253-1541, editorial; (617) 258-8329, business; (617) 258-8226, facsimile. *Advertising, subscription, and typesetting rates available.* Entire contents © 2005 *The Tech*. *Printed on recycled paper by Charles River Publishing.*

Errata

A July 6 article about admissions to the Class of 2009 incorrectly stated the percentages of male and female students in the Classes of 2008 and 2009. The Class of 2008 had a composition of 54 percent male to 46 percent female, not 46 to 54; the Class of 2009 had a composition of 53 percent male to 47 percent female, not 47 to 53.

A July 6 article about choices of majors for the Class of 2008 incorrectly identified one of the majors drawing more freshmen than usual. It should have been Course VI, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, not Course VI-1, Electrical Science and Engineering.

A July 6 article about The Tech’s editorial system misstated Jonathan T. Wang’s term as Technology Director. He held the office from May 2004–April 2005, not just Spring 2005. The same article incorrectly identified the processors in eMac computers; they are G4 processors, not G5 processors.

Because of an editing error, a front-page caption on Friday, June 10 misidentified the traffic management devices depicted in the picture. They are concrete jersey barriers and plastic barrels, not “concrete barrels.”

Opinion Policy

**Editorials** are the official opinion of *The Tech*. They are written by the editorial board, which consists of the chairman, editor in chief, managing editor, opinion editors, a senior editor, and an opinion staffer.

**Dissents** are the opinions of signed members of the editorial board choosing to publish their disagreement with the editorial.

**Letters to the editor, columns, and editorial cartoons** are written by individuals and represent the opinion of the author, not necessarily that of the newspaper. Electronic submissions are encouraged and should be sent to [letters@the-tech.mit.edu](mailto:letters@the-tech.mit.edu). Hard copy submissions should be addressed to *The Tech*, P.O. Box 397029, Cambridge, Mass. 02139-7029, or sent by interdepartmental mail to Room W20-483. All submissions are due by 4:30 p.m. two days before the date of publication.

Letters, columns, and cartoons must bear the authors’ signatures, addresses, and phone numbers. Unsigned letters will not be accepted.

*The Tech* reserves the right to edit or condense letters; shorter letters will be given higher priority. Once submitted, all letters become property of *The Tech*, and will not be returned. *The Tech* makes no commitment to publish all the letters received.

**Guest columns** are opinion articles submitted by members of the MIT or local community and have the author’s name in italics. Columns without italics are written by *Tech* staff.

To Reach Us

*The Tech*’s telephone number is (617) 253-1541. E-mail is the easiest way to reach any member of our staff. If you are unsure whom to contact, send mail to [general@the-tech.mit.edu](mailto:general@the-tech.mit.edu), and it will be directed to the appropriate person. Please send press releases, requests for coverage, and information about errors that call for correction to [news@the-tech.mit.edu](mailto:news@the-tech.mit.edu). Letters to the editor should be sent to [letters@the-tech.mit.edu](mailto:letters@the-tech.mit.edu). *The Tech* can be found on the World Wide Web at <http://the-tech.mit.edu>.



August 3,  
2005

# COMICS

The  
Tech

# FUN PAGES

Page  
5

## Trio

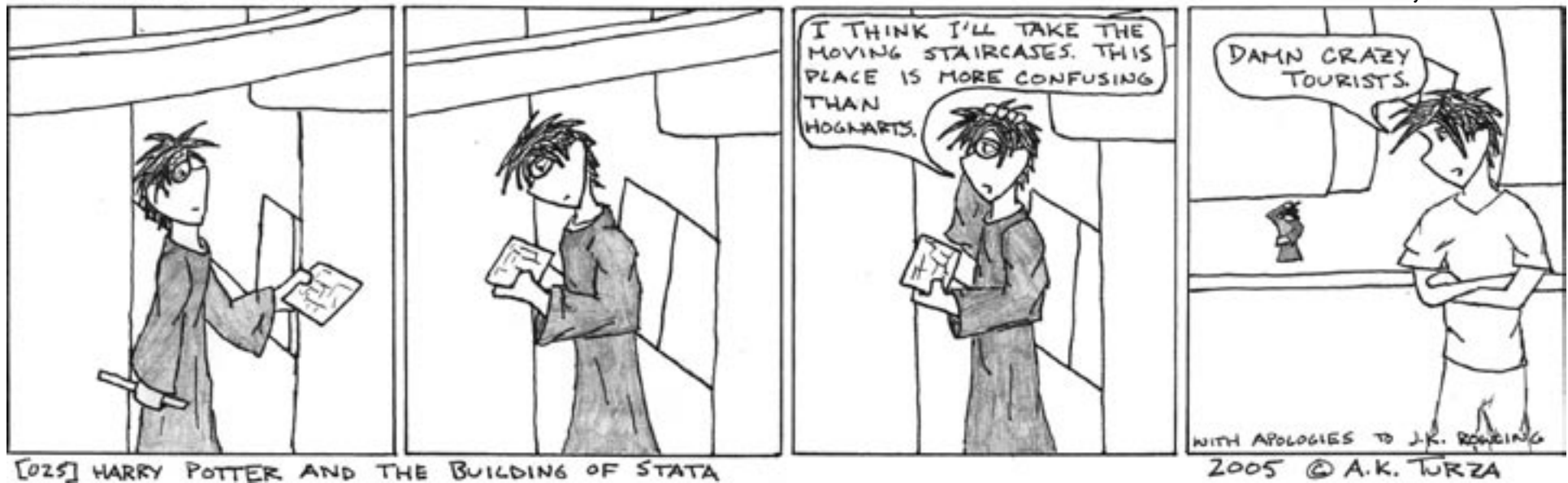
"The Best of Sugar Ray" in stores now! [ALUM.MIT.EDU/WWW/EMIE](http://ALUM.MIT.EDU/WWW/EMIE)

by Emezie Okorafor



## DEVIANTS FROM THE NORM

by A.K. Turza



### Crossword Puzzle

Solution, page 9

**ACROSS**

1 Wacky Jerry  
6 Yoko's family  
10 Light touches  
14 Make jubilant  
15 Epistle apostle  
16 Woodwind member  
17 Renee Zellweger role  
19 Zhivago's love  
20 State north of Nev.  
21 Single-celled creature  
22 Mary-Kate or Ashley  
23 Beatty and Buntline  
25 Reply choice  
27 Swit on "M\*A\*S\*H"  
32 Irish county  
34 Fighting force  
35 Pub potable  
36 For each  
37 Nav. by satellite  
40 Secret agent

41 Dam-building grp.  
42 NAFTA participant  
43 Yucky food  
45 Movie award  
47 Mitzi Gaynor in "South Pacific"  
51 Where to lose a kite  
52 Char slightly  
55 Street talk  
58 Writer Madame de \_  
60 Play about Capote  
61 Perforation  
62 Girls' book RN hero-ine  
64 Israeli diplomat Abba  
65 Top-notch  
66 Smiling  
67 Bears' lairs  
68 Comic Foxx  
69 Ferber and Best

**DOWN**

1 Bolshevik leader  
2 Artfully avoid  
3 1937 Triple Crown winner  
4 Possessive pronoun  
5 Appear  
6 Corkscrew, e.g.  
7 Actress Richardson  
8 Into the open  
9 Like a fox  
10 Hoi \_  
11 Arab garments  
12 Ripped  
13 Actor Connery  
18 Irish lad  
22 1955 Platters hit  
24 Droop  
26 Roast type  
28 Workout segment  
29 Terminator

30 Edison's middle name  
31 Close at hand  
32 Rotated  
33 \_-majesty  
38 Entreaty  
39 Non-tap dancing  
44 Bode  
46 Former draft org.  
48 Tablecloths and sheets  
49 Brought up  
50 Pub potable  
53 Game or battle site  
54 Oxidizes  
55 Outbuilding  
56 Earring's location  
57 Arkin or Greenspan  
59 Greek harp  
62 Train unit  
63 Help

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14						15				16		
17					18					19		
20				21				22				
23			24		25			26				
		27		28						29	30	31
32	33						34			35		
36				37	38	39		40			41	
42				43			44		45	46		
47				48				49	50			
				51						52	53	54
55	56	57				58			59		60	
61					62					63		
64					65				66			
67					68				69			

# FoxTrot

by Bill Amend

# Undergrad Ed. Dean Selection Committee Is Gathering Input

By **Kelley Rivoire**  
*EDITOR IN CHIEF*

The committee charged with identifying possible candidates for the next Dean for Undergraduate Education is currently seeking feedback from students and faculty members.

The committee hopes to gather most input by the end of the month, and then meet regularly throughout September to review and interview potential candidates before submitting a short, unranked list to Chancellor Phillip L. Clay PhD '75 in October, said Professor W. Eric Grimson, chair of the committee. The dean must be a full professor.

Current Dean for Undergraduate Education Robert P. Redwine plans to step down at the end of this calendar year and resume teaching and research with the physics department.

Student feedback regarding potential candidates or issues the next DUE will face can be sent to [due\\_search@mit.edu](mailto:due_search@mit.edu).

**Input is actively sought**

Student opinions, particularly with regard to issues that the next dean should address, will carry weight in the committee discussions, Grimson said. In particular, students on the committee are seeking input from student representa-

tives of Institute committees, who see faculty "in settings outside the classroom," he said. However, suggestions should not be restricted to these student representatives, and Grimson said he would "like to hear from the student body in general."

Student committee member John R. Velasco '06 said that he and the other student representative to the committee, Danielle A. Hinton G, would also speak individually with student leaders of groups such as the Undergraduate Association, Dormitory Council, and Association of Student Activities.

Committee members are talking with numerous faculty members as well, including all department heads, school heads, and undergraduate officers of departments, in addition to most other senior administration officials. Grimson said he has received tens of responses from faculty members to an e-mail sent by Chair of the Faculty Lorna J. Gibson soliciting input.

Additionally, the committee has contacted MacVicar teaching fellows and housemasters.

**Teaching experience a must**

Experience with undergraduate education inside the classroom will be crucial, Grimson said. It's "clear to the committee that a candidate

really ideally should have extended experience with undergraduate teaching and undergraduate educational innovation." He would like the candidates to be "engaged in teaching core undergraduate classes," he said.

The dean should be "sensitive to the current student body and how it's been changing," which is something "that you only get from being in the classroom," Grimson said. Additionally, management experience will be a factor, but "we're flexible in looking at it" and the job could be restructured to provide the dean with additional support, if necessary, he said.

Velasco said that his personal priorities for the next dean would be improving the freshman year experience and undergraduate advising and mentoring.

He cited the most important qualifications as classroom experience in teaching undergraduates and management skills.

The next dean will preside over the implementation of the recommendations of the General Institute Requirements Task Force, scheduled to release its report this fall. He or she should be a "voice for undergraduate education, not just at MIT, but around the country," Grimson said.

# Community Input Guided Decision; Search Begins for New EECS Head

Rafael Reif, from Page 1

for their entry. "We want to be a place where the most dedicated students will be attracted to; we want to be able to receive them and we want them to be able to come here."

**Appointment made after input**

The appointment was made after a search for candidates, where input was gathered from members of the MIT community, including students, alumni, and faculty, Hockfield said. "I conducted dozens of interviews, asked what everyone thought the major issues were and who they thought would serve well as provost," she said.

Hockfield looked specifically for an experienced MIT faculty member, she said. "I've only been here a short time and I thought it was important to find someone who's been here a long

time and understands it from the inside," she said.

"As I gathered input, Professor Reif's name emerged from people across the institute, not just from EECS and not just from Engineering," Hockfield said. "He's known across the Institute as someone who's widely curious and well informed about the Institute's activities."

**Reif to decrease own research**

The greater involvement a provost must have with the day to day operations of MIT will be a major change from being head of EECS, Reif said. "The scope is wider; the provost is very involved in the operations of the Institute, and I don't see myself at the front line of hiring faculty and looking at what's important for the department but what's important for all of MIT."

Reif said he plans to decrease his

research activities, but will keep his current graduate students until they graduate. "I will not be hiring new students, however; it wouldn't be fair to them to be hired by someone who is so immersed in the running of the Institute," Reif said. "I loved doing research and more than doing research, I loved interacting with my grad students. I'll miss that immensely."

**Search is on for new EECS head**

The search for a new head of the EECS department head is being conducted by a committee that will make a recommendation to Dean of Engineering Thomas L. Magnanti, who will then make the appointment, Associate Department Head of EECS W. Eric Grimson said.

"In the interim, Professor Grimson is serving as department head," Hockfield said.

## News Briefs

### Harvard Board Member Resigns

The decision by Harvard to grant a three percent raise to its controversial president, Lawrence H. Summers '75, was the final straw that led to the resignation of the only African-American member of the university's governing board, according to a resignation letter released yesterday by the university.

The board member, Conrad K. Harper, also said in the letter that he had argued months ago that Summers should resign, and that he still felt that way.

"I believe that Harvard's best interests require your resignation," Mr. Harper wrote in the letter to Summers dated July 14. He noted in the letter that Summers had insulted people attending a Native American conference, alienated black professors and suggested that women might not have an "intrinsic" aptitude for science and engineering.

"I saw a pattern," Mr. Conrad wrote. "Your statements demeaned those who are underrepresented at the top levels of major research universities."

—*Alan Finder, The New York Times*

### IS&T Upgrades WebMail

MIT Information Services and Technology upgraded WebMail services last week to provide new features including improved handling of e-mail attachments, better notification of session timeouts, and increased customization options.

Other additions to WebMail service include the ability to view e-mail messages by thread and to automatically delete or accept messages from specific e-mail addresses.

More information can be found online at <http://web.mit.edu/ist/services/email/webmail/webmail-jul2005.html>.

The WebMail upgrade follows the recent doubling of WebMail quota from 250 to 500 megabytes.

—*Kelley Rivoire*

### Deputy Director of Facilities Named

MIT has named Robert C. Pizzano as the new deputy director of Facilities. Pizzano is currently the vice president of the construction management firm handling the renovation of the Pentagon and has over 30 years of experience with facilities and construction, according to a July 27 e-mail announcement from Chief Facilities Officer William J. Anderson, Jr.

Pizzano will arrive at MIT on August 15. Among his chief duties will be leading planning efforts and establishing standard operating procedures, according to the announcement.

—*Kelley Rivoire*

### MCAT Will Go Online in 2007

The MCAT, or Medical College Admission Test, will make the jump from paper- to computer-based testing by 2007, along with a significant reduction in the number of questions and the testing time.

According to a press release from the Association of American Medical Colleges, which administers the MCAT, the computer-based format will allow for additional test dates, faster scoring, and a more controlled testing environment.

The MCAT is currently administered in the computer-based format in select test centers, including one in Boston. A trial computer-based version will be given at all testing centers next August, according to the press release.

Two other graduate admissions tests are already offered in computer-based formats. The Graduate Record Exam adopted a computer-based format for its general exam in 2002. The Graduate Management Admission Test, now offered in both paper and computer formats, will switch to computer-only next January.

—*Kelley Rivoire*

## Police Log

*The following incidents were reported to the MIT Police between July 2 and July 25. This summary does not include incidents such as suspicious activity, false alarms, general service calls, medical shuttles, or isolated incidents of theft.*

**July 2:** Bldg. 16 (21 Ames St.), persona non grata reported walking into building.

**July 3:** Vicinity of Middle East Restaurant (472 Mass Ave), at 2:30 a.m., male graduate student and friend chased and punched by two white males; no medical attention requested. Bldg. 16 (21 Ames St.), laptop reported stolen. Student Center (84 Mass Ave), at 12:05 p.m., person with gun reported seen near elevator, white male, 40-50, beard, dark suit.

**July 4:** 100 Memorial Drive apt. bldg., assault with a deadly weapon, persons shot at with fireworks; Cambridge PD officer made sweep of apt. and found fireworks and marijuana in plain view.

**July 5:** Bldg. W51 (410 Memorial Dr.), laptops stolen from two rooms in secured area. Bldg. E17 (40 Ames St.), Room 132, breaking & entering, laptops stolen. (Incidents reported the morning after the holiday.)

**July 7:** Stata Center (32 Vassar St.), Room 155, custodian reports Asian female has been working and living in the building for three days and refuses to leave. Bldg. E2 (70 Amherst St.), disorderly conduct (Raymond Diandrea, 24, arrested on Cambridge PD warrant).

**July 8:** Bldg. E17 (40 Ames St.), microwave stolen. Bldg. E1 (111 Memorial Dr.), at 8:15 p.m., report taken of person missing since 8:00 a.m.

**July 10:** Eastgate (60 Wadsworth St.), suicide.

**July 11:** Bldg. E17 (40 Ames St.), microwave stolen.

**July 12:** Student Center (84 Mass Ave), persons sleeping in Coffee House and lounge.

**July 13:** Sigma Nu (28 The Fenway), report taken of a breaking and entering.

**July 15:** Student Center (84 Mass Ave), person struck by bike.

**July 18:** Burton Conner (410 Memorial Dr.), clothes stolen from laundry room.

**July 20:** Bldg. 10 (122 Memorial Dr.), attempted breaking and entering.

**July 22:** Bldg. 35 (127 Mass Ave), room broken into and entered.

**July 24:** Zesiger Center (100 Vassar St.), credit card and ID stolen from locker.

**July 25:** Bldg. 66 (25 Ames St.), trespasser reported.

—*Compiled by Marjan Rafat; members of the MIT Crime Club assisted in the preparation of this report.*

## MIT Was a Focus In Cook's Life

Cook, from Page 1

from MIT.

"He loved MIT," his wife said. "It was a very big part of his life."

Three of the couple's four children also attended MIT. Cook was actively involved in planning reunions for the Class of 1950 and helped set up the class's scholarship fund, said his classmate and colleague Robert Mann, professor emeritus of biomedical engineering.

"He was a wonderful person," Mann said. "I hold him in the very, very highest regard."

Cook is survived by his wife; two sons, James Cook of London and Richard Cook of Scituate; two daughters, Nancy Cook of Concord and Anne Cook of Stowe; and nine grandchildren.

A private memorial service was held in Orleans on July 17. Cook's colleagues plan to hold a memorial service at MIT in the fall.

Memorial donations may be made to the Nathan and Alice Cook Scholarship Fund for Nauset Regional High School, c/o Eastham Historical Society, Box 8, Eastham, MA 02642.

## ARTS

## MOVIE REVIEW ★★★

*Charlie and the Choco — What the Hell?!**What a Trip, and I'm Not Even Talking About the Glass Elevator*

By Bill Andrews

STAFF WRITER

*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*

Directed by Tim Burton

Screenplay by John August

Based on the book by Roald Dahl

Starring Johnny Depp, Freddie Highmore,

David Kelly, Helena Bonham Carter, and

Deep Roy

Rated PG

**W**eird — that's the the most succinct review possible for "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," Tim Burton's adaptation (decidedly not a remake of the 1971 adaptation) of the book by Roald Dahl. If you're looking for a weird movie (such as "I Heart Huckabees," "Amelie," or "Big Fish"), you can't go wrong with "Charlie." If, however, you prefer serious, logical, realistic films, look elsewhere. And if you're open-minded, you'll probably like it, but not as much as I did. I'm kind of weird too, you see.

I'll admit, I went into the theater with slightly more than just an open mind. I'm a big fan of Tim Burton's and Johnny Depp's works, both individual and joint. As I started to eat my popcorn, I silently prayed for "Charlie" to be good: a little more "Edward Scissorhands" and a little less "Planet of the Apes." But at the same time, I really like the '71 version starring Gene Wilder; for many of us Wilder is Willy Wonka. ("Hey, who's that guy playing The Waco Kid?" "Oh, that's Willy Wonka.") How would Johnny Depp's Wonka compare? And what about all the songs — "The Candy Man," "Pure Imagination," and the like — missing from Burton's version? How can Willy Wonka not sing? I wanted the movie to be good, and it was. But it was also quite strange.

Take the main man, the chairman chocolatier, the confectionery king, Willy Wonka himself. Bearing an unfortunate resemblance to Michael Jackson, Depp's character often comes close to scaring both the on-screen chil-

dren and the audience. Randomly, he says, "Everything in this room is eatable. I'm eatable, but that, my children, would be called cannibalism, and it is frowned upon in most societies." For the most part, though, Wonka is simply shy and nervous around children, and only scary enough to be eccentric — an interesting guy to have on your AIM buddy list, but not to actually hang out with. Johnny Depp clearly enjoys himself throughout the movie, usually only slightly more than we do.

The children also contribute to the weirdness. Wonka invites five children to his factory by hiding golden tickets in random chocolate bars. The children, each bringing a family member of their choice, visit the factory, only to be punished in ironic ways according to their flaws: the glutton almost drowns in chocolate, the arrogant know-it-all shrinks to the size he makes others feel, the elitist rich girl is thrown out with the garbage, and the overly-competitive gum-chewer is ... turned into a blueberry. It's like Dante with chocolate. And, of course, Charlie Bucket (Freddie Highmore) inherits the factory, because he's perfect. But all of them, including Charlie, are pale to the point of being pallid, and each really seems to dig his flaw. That's fine, of course — why not enjoy what you're bad at? It's just strange to see anyone so young really enjoy being bad.

Strangeness aside, composer Danny Elfman rocks. My girlfriend insists that John Williams, and only John Williams, is The Man when it comes to film music, but I think Elfman's up



WARNER BROTHERS PICTURES

The entire Bucket family stares at Willy Wonka's hair in "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory."

there. His soundtrack for this movie is superb; in fact, I gave the movie that last half star for the music. The Oompa Loompas' songs, each composed in a different style, are all fun to hear (once you get past the fact that they're not singing "Oompa Loompa Doopity Doo"). The lyrics are Dahl's own, and the rest pure Elfman, matching both the anything-can-happen atmosphere and the goofiness of dancing little people. The ambient music was also absolutely perfect, adding to the suspense of some scenes, the fun of others, and the quirkiness of almost all the rest.

But, as I'm sure you all wonder, how does it compare to the '71 version? Unfortunately,

I just can't say; their styles differ too much — it'd be like wondering if chocolate is better than peanut butter. The newer one stays much closer to the book, though my girlfriend and I both felt that Wilder's Wonka was closer to what Dahl had imagined for the character. The basic story is the same for both, with most differences at the end and with Wonka himself (namely his back story). In the most superficial of comparisons, I found the '71 version too saccharine and the '05 version sometimes weird for weirdness's own sake. Either way, though, you have naughty kids getting their just desserts, a good kid rewarded with a happy ending, and lots and lots of chocolate. Talk about a win-win situation.

## MOVIE REVIEW ★★½

*Crashing Weddings Now the Summer Thing To Do and See*

By Yong-yi Zhu

STAFF WRITER

*Wedding Crashers*

Directed by David Dobkin

Written by Steve Faber and Bob Fisher

Starring Owen Wilson, Vince Vaughn,

Christopher Walken, Rachel McAdams, and

Isla Fisher

Rated R

**M**ove over, "Dodgeball" and "Anchorman." If you are looking for a lighthearted summer comedy with some stupid humor and superfluous sex, then "Wedding Crashers" may be the perfect movie for you.

Owen Wilson and Vince Vaughn are John Beckwith and Jeremy Grey, respectively. They never seem to do their real jobs as divorce mediators; instead they crash weddings on a regular basis. (For those not familiar with the term, wedding crashing is going to weddings uninvited, drinking free booze, and meeting, then sleeping with girls there.) The pair is terrific at this, hitting every kind of wedding from Chinese to Irish. Their cover stories help them through the door, and their personalities make them huge hits at the weddings.

When the daughter of the Secretary of the Treasury, Secretary Cleary (Christopher Walken), ties the knot, the two goofballs (or more aptly in this case, the two venture capitalists) successfully

crash the wedding. They make an impression on the girls they are after, and Secretary Cleary even invites John to go sailing.

The problem arises with Secretary Cleary's other daughters. John falls for Claire (Rachel McAdams), who unfortunately already has a boyfriend, Sack Lodge (Bradley Cooper);

John decides he can change that. Jeremy, on the other hand, is being sexually preyed on by Gloria (Isla Fisher), who has a frightening love of commitment. But she is only one part of the crazy Cleary family; the movie becomes still funnier as we learn more: what Claire has to put up with, how John tries to get Claire, and

how Jeremy tries to get rid of Gloria.

This movie would not be successful without extremely funny acting, which Wilson and Vaughn deliver. Maybe their stupidity makes them brilliant, but they excel at what they do. Wilson even brings out his softer side in his pursuit of Claire. (I am fairly convinced that Vaughn doesn't have a softer side, but it suits his character.)

The plot is always secondary to the humor in this kind of movie, but at least this one is loaded with hilarity. From ridiculous pants to inappropriateness under the dinner table to funeral crashing, it's an absolute riot. Even the grandmother (Ellen Albertini Dow) delivers a performance that will make your eyes water from laughter.

The writing is average at best, but what can you ask for in a stupid comedy? This movie was more coherent than most other movies of its type, though. It's most certainly more enjoyable than "Anchorman" and just may rank up there with the likes of "Zoolander."

The fantastic costumes, from Jeremy's ridiculous pants to Sack's outlandish outfits, add greatly to the humor of the movie. After all, there's nothing better than making fun of rich people's clothing.

Overall, this entertaining movie is worth seeing if you have an idle afternoon or evening. But then again, if you have the time, you might as well go crash a wedding yourself.



NEW LINE CINEMA

John Beckwith (Owen Wilson) and Jeremy Grey's (Vince Vaughn) exuberant charm helps them pick up girls at strangers' weddings.

Flex your thumbs. Review movies for *The Tech*.

join@tt.mit.edu



MOVIE REVIEW ★★½

Not Incredible, but Pretty Fantastic

By Bill Andrews  
STAFF WRITER

*Fantastic Four*  
Directed by Tim Story  
Written by Michael France and Mark Frost  
Starring Ioan Gruffudd, Jessica Alba,  
Michael Chiklis, Chris Evans, and Julian Mc-  
Mahon  
Rated PG-13

I must first disclose that I have never been a comic book fanatic. On the rare occasions when I read comic books as a child, DC were my usual choice — despite what “The Incredibles” has to say on the subject, I’ve always liked my heroes with capes.

And with that deft transition, we’re up, up, and away! Hollywood’s latest adaptation of comic books begins with Reed Richards (Ioan Gruffudd), a goofy but well-meaning scientist (of ambiguous field) preparing to request funds to go into space for something involving cosmic rays and curing cancer. With Reed is his faithful buddy, Ben Grimm (Michael Chiklis), whose purpose in life seems to be calming Reed down and protecting him from harm.

They enter the luxurious personal office of Victor Von Doom (Julian McMahon) to pitch their cosmic ray plan. Von Doom agrees to finance the plan, but only if the mission includes the beautiful Sue Storm (Jessica Alba), who happens to be Richards’s ex, and her hothead younger brother Johnny (Chris Evans). Why? Because that’s apparently how things are done in Von Doom’s native Latveria. Once in space, amid inexplicably tight body suits and gra-

tuitous (though excellent) cleavage, there is almost immediately a horrible accident that leaves our heroes and bad guy with special powers. Whatever will happen next?

“Fantastic Four” is a good movie and an excellent summer blockbuster. The special effects are amazing; the action scenes are exciting and not encumbered with too much dialogue (or, sometimes, story development), and — for once — the good guys went to MIT. That made my day. The character development, while shallow and predictable, is better than your average comic book flick since there actually is some. But I am above all a story person, and that’s where the movie suffered the most.

My girlfriend and I spent an hour talking about the plot holes and other weird things after we saw “Fantastic Four”; if we’d seen it on DVD, we wouldn’t have waited until after. I know that summer blockbusters are immune from scientific accu-

racy (“Spiderman 2,” for example), but logic still matters to me. I mean, if you’re going to go to all the trouble of making up science for a movie, why not make it all fit together? If I have to start up my brain in the midst of a

guy madness smacked too much of Dr. Osborn’s becoming the Green Goblin. (As a side note, who would work for someone named Von Doom?) The scenes in outer space were just like every two-bit sci-fi flick since “Red Planet.” And the ending had overtones of a certain Indiana Jones ending, of which I’ll say no more.

The superpowers in “Fantastic Four” are strikingly similar — identical, even — to those in “The Incredibles,” but that’s a bit different. Moral issues aside, however, “The Incredibles” never seemed old, used, or tired — as if, instead of making a regular old sandwich, they used the same ingredients to make a tasty new martini. Well, close enough.

Still, “Fantastic Four” is worth watching. The corresponding comic books are among the most light-hearted in the superhero category, which comes off well on the big screen. It’s a relief whenever a super hero makes a joke, however predictable. The inconsistent new applications of

science, startling though they may be, aren’t really enough to take away from the fun things the movie had: action, romance, cool effects, and a high popcorn munchiness factor. Oh, and Jessica Alba’s breasts, too.



Victor Von Doom (Julian McMahon) considers how best to kill someone.

MOVIE REVIEW ★★★★★

Russell Crowe and Renée Zellweger Make ‘Cinderella Man’ a Knockout

By Yong-yi Zhu  
STAFF WRITER

*Cinderella Man*  
Directed by Ron Howard  
Written by Cliff Hollingsworth and  
Akiva Goldsman  
Starring Russell Crowe, Renée Zellweger,  
Bruce McGill, Ariel Waller, and  
Paddy Considine  
Rated PG-13

Ron Howard has been picking all the right fights recently, and “Cinderella Man” is a total knockout of a movie. Not only is the film a delight, its Oscar prospects are overwhelming. Howard scores big with Russell Crowe, but Renée Zellweger puts the movie over the top. And of course, the true story of the Cinderella man, on which the movie is based, is not too shabby either. Howard may be bringing another boxing movie to the front of the competition for this year’s best

picture award, following on the heels of Million Dollar Baby’s win last year.

Crowe stars as James J. Braddock, a prize fighter who seemingly loses it all when a hand injury and the depression strike together. The struggles of the Braddock family epitomize the cruel reality of the depression. They don’t have enough food to eat or enough money to pay the bills; when the children fall sick in the winter, they almost have to leave the city and the family. But throughout tough times, Braddock’s motivation to support his family builds, no matter what it takes. Braddock’s manager eventually arranges a fight in which Braddock is the overwhelming underdog. Braddock agrees purely for monetary reasons, but ends up winning the fight, beginning his return to greatness, in which he steals the hearts of the working class.

The movie’s greatest strength is the acting. Having already conquered Rome as a gladiator and taken Princeton by storm with his beautiful

just trying to stay alive. His moves in the ring are genuine, and he never fails to impress with his physical presence and prowess, even as the underdog. His natural talent as a subtle actor makes the already dramatic movie yet more realistic; he naturally blends the violent boxer with the kind and caring father. Another Best Actor Oscar nomination is surely in the works.

Though Crowe is the main attraction, Renée Zellweger steals the spotlight with her performance as Braddock’s wife, Mae. She is multi-dimensional: a caring mother, a loving wife, and a woman torn by everything happening around her. If the word perfection can

mind, Russell Crowe is now the underdog seeking to destroy Max Baer (Craig Bierko). Crowe is entirely convincing as the aloof boxer

describe an acting performance, this would be the occasion to use it.

Overall, the movie is terrific. The fights are realistic; you can almost feel the blood and sweat on your own shirt as the fights become more and more violent, and you find yourself ducking the punches as much as Braddock is in the ring. The sound and music draw you even deeper into the story of this fragile boxer. The fantastic sets bring you back to the depression era. Realism is the middle name of this movie.



UNIVERSAL PICTURES

Renée Zellweger steals the show in “Cinderella Man.”

MOVIE REVIEW ★★

Must Love — Really Love — Generic Romantic Comedies

By Kathy Lin  
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

*Must Love Dogs*  
Directed by Gary David Goldberg  
Screenplay written by Gary David Goldberg  
Based on the book by Claire Cook  
Starring Diane Lane and John Cusack  
Rated PG-13

My afternoon showing of “Must Love Dogs” was attended primarily by groups of old ladies and slightly awkward, lonely-looking men, and unless you fall in one of those groups, I’d suggest skipping this one.

“Dogs” tells the tale of Jake (John Cusack) and Sarah (Diane Lane), both recently divorced, who predictably fall in love after a bumpy initial relationship. Their coming together, as we know all too well from commercials and trailers, is the result of meddling on the internet by pushy friends and family. Apparently it’s not acceptable to be single eight months, or immediately for that matter, after divorce.

On-screen romances can certainly offer valuable lessons, or at least leave you feeling a little warmer inside — and I happen to love quite a few movies in this genre — but “Dogs” is destined to quickly join the ranks of forgotten movies, the kind that will be on sale at Blockbuster mere weeks after coming out on DVD.

“Dogs” is loaded with cookie-cutter lines, too many coincidences (How many preschool sharing times are filled

with stories of strange men sleeping over in Mommy’s bed?), overall mediocre acting, and a lack of chemistry among the actors.

Lane, whose acting has seen better days, is unfortunately distant and cool, and I blame her for the lack of chemistry between the two main characters. The only true moment of warmth I felt in the chilly theater was when I put on my jacket.

But all is not lost. Cusack offers several touching moments, his eyes sometimes filling with depth and emotion. Some supporting actors contribute a few touching scenes as well — when a little boy bubbles over with excitement over adopting a dog, for example, and when Sarah’s father reflects on his deceased wife.

Unfortunately, these moments are fleeting. A somewhat touching dinner that temporarily restored what little hope I had for movie, for example, was immediately ruined by a crazed citywide search for a condom in a fit of passion.

The supporting cast contributes some humorous moments, though they also deliver more than their fair share of dull moments. Many of them irritated me with an excessive penchant for nosiness, an unusually active sex drive, and no desire for monogamy.

Although we’ve learned not to expect too much from romantic comedies, there are those worth watching and those not worth watching. Let’s just say that my favorite part of this movie-watching experience was the catchy but sweet singing in the preview for the upcoming cinematic rendition of “Rent.”

Solution to Crossword

from page 5

L	E	W	I	S		O	N	O	S		P	A	T	S
E	L	A	T	E		P	A	U	L		O	B	O	E
N	U	R	S	E	B	E	T	T	Y		L	A	R	A
I	D	A		M	O	N	A	D		O	L	S	E	N
N	E	D	S		Y	E	S	O	R	N	O			
				M	A	J	O	R	H	O	U	L	I	H
S	L	I	G	O				A	R	M	Y		A	L
P	E	R		G	P	S		S	P	Y		T	V	A
U	S	A		G	L	O	P			O	S	C	A	R
N	E	L	L	I	E	F	O	R	B	U	S	H		
				I	N	A	T	R	E	E		S	E	A
S	L	A	N	G		S	T	A	E	L		T	R	U
H	O	L	E		C	H	E	R	R	Y		A	M	E
E	B	A	N		A	O	N	E		R	I	A	N	T
D	E	N	S		R	E	D		E	D	N	A	S	

Solution to Crossword  
from page 5

Solution to Crossword  
from page 5

RESTAURANT REVIEW

The Best General Gau’s Chicken in Town

By Sie Hendrata Dharmawan  
STAFF WRITER

Dragon Garden Restaurant  
261 Elm Street  
Somerville, MA 02144  
(617) 623-4383

I awarded this title to the General Gau’s Chicken at Dragon Garden the moment I tasted it two years ago, and although I’ve had this dish all over town, the title remains uncontested.

The sauce has an excellent sweetness with a slight trace of spiciness, while the chicken is deep-fried just right — neither too crispy nor too soft. The chicken, invitingly shiny, is even aesthetically pleasing. A close runner-up to the General Gau’s Chicken at Dragon Garden is that of Hong Kong Cafe Restaurant (1171 Boylston Street, Boston), with its slightly softer and more tender chicken pieces, but less tasty sauce.

Dragon Garden is a small Chinese restaurant with affordable food. Unfortunately, it

seems that its focus is delivery, and the owner does not expect many people to dine in. The interior reminds me of Quan’s Kitchen before it was renovated — the decorations are somewhat mismatched, with gumball machines in one corner and a Chinese calendar and Great Wall paintings in another. The maroon carpeting is shabby, the yellow lighting dim, and there isn’t any music. The good food, however, especially General Gau’s Chicken, more than compensates for the environment.

Lunch at Dragon Garden is served from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and prices range from \$4.25–5.35 for a combo with a main dish, rice, and soup. For an additional \$0.60, you can substitute any appetizer for the soup. A combo with just fried rice and one appetizer costs \$3.75. My favorite dish (after General Gau’s, of course) is Sauteed String Beans. It’s listed on the menu as spicy, but it can also be served non-spicy. Don’t be deterred by its appearance: although the dark brown sauce looks greasy, the string beans themselves don’t taste that greasy, and although the skin looks floppy, the beans

are fresh and crispy.

For the soup that accompanies the lunch combo, you can choose Wonton Soup, Egg Drop Soup, or Hot and Sour Soup. Of these, I would pick the Egg Drop Soup, which differs from most in its dark appearance. However, the texture is a little disappointing because the drops are not mixed well in the soup. The taste can also be on the bland side, though a few drops of soy sauce readily remedy the problem.

Dragon Garden serves dinner dishes all day. As with most restaurants, the dinner menu dishes cost slightly more than lunch ones, but the portion size is also bigger. Ordering dinner dishes is more complicated, however — the dishes can be ordered separately, and most of them come in two sizes, small and large. The “combination plate,” slightly cheaper than the dish alone, includes the dish and selected appetizers. The “rice plate,” cheaper still, includes rice and a smaller portion of the dish. Appetizers can also be ordered separately, either as a sampler plate or as a select-your-own plate.

My favorite dish from the dinner menu is, again, General Gau’s Chicken. The first runner-up is Kan Shao Fish, fish pieces fried with red, zesty, almost sweet-and-sour sauce. The thickness of this unique sauce perfectly matches the tenderness of the fish. Similarly, there are Kan Shao Shrimp and Kan Shao Scallops, but I think the Kan Shao style only works with fish.

Another good dish is the Green Pepper Steak, beef flank steak cooked with green peppers. Although green peppers are visibly mixed in the steak, the dish tastes more like ground pepper. Nevertheless, the taste of the green peppers makes a nice addition to the already-tender steak.

Located in Davis Square, just a 30-second walk from the T stop, this restaurant offers a welcome intermezzo among my daily Chinese food truck lunches. If you live in the vicinity of this restaurant (including Porter Square), you can get delivery or take-out. On a nice day, you may even want to eat there and get dessert at nearby Denise’s Ice Cream. Either way, don’t forget to taste the General Gau’s Chicken.

Timeline of Events Relevant to Shin Lawsuit

Sept. 1998	Shin enrolls at MIT.
Feb. 1999	Shin overdoses of Tylenol with codeine and spends one week under psychiatric care at McLean Hospital. Shin tells doctors she had mental health problems in high school. With Shin’s consent, Random Hall Housemaster Nina Davis-Millis contacts Shin’s parents, and they agree that Shin will meet with Dr. Kristine A. Girard at MIT Mental Health Services every few weeks.
Oct. 6, 1999	Shin tells Ayida S. Mthembu, an associate dean of Counseling and Support Services (CSS) at the time, that she was considering suicide. Mthembu immediately sends Shin to MIT Mental Health, where an MIT Medical psychiatrist notes Shin has been cutting herself, without suicidal intent. The psychiatrist advises Shin to return in one or two days.
Oct. 12, 1999	Girard meets with Shin, and notes that Shin said she was “feeling significantly better.”
Nov. 9, 1999	Shin meets with Arnold R. Henderson, an associate dean of CSS at the time, and tells him she is cutting herself again. Henderson arranges for her to see MIT psychiatrists immediately.
Dec. 6, 1999	Henderson learns that Elizabeth had told a teaching assistant that she had brought sleeping pills with the intention to take them but did not; he reports the incident to Davis-Millis and Girard.
Mar. 18, 2000	A student tells Davis-Millis that Elizabeth is cutting herself and upset. Shin goes to MIT Mental Health, where she stays for a day and a physician prescribes a tranquilizer for her to take.
Mar. 20, 2000	With Shin’s consent, Davis-Millis contacts Shin’s parents, and Shin’s father takes her home to New Jersey the next day.
Mar. 23, 2000	Elizabeth begins treatment with a new psychologist, Dr. Linda Cunningham, who diagnoses her with a borderline personality disorder and depression.
Mar. 29, 2000	Henderson speaks to professors about postponing Shin’s exams for the next week.
Mar. 30, 2000	Shin meets with Cunningham, who says that Shin’s depressive episode is severe and increases Shin’s medication dosage.
End of March 2000 – Apr. 10, 2000	Davis-Millis receives frequent reports from Random Hall students and graduate resident tutors that Shin is not well.
April 4, 2000	Shin meets with Dr. Lili Gottfried during a walk-in appointment at MIT Mental Health.
April 6, 2000	Shin meets with Dr. Cunningham, who raises the possibility of hospitalization and tells Shin to return later that day.
April 6, 2000	A professor contacts Henderson about cuts on Shin’s arms; Henderson replies that Shin is being taken care of.
April 8, 2000	Shin tells a student she plans to commit suicide; the student calls the MIT Police, and Shin is taken to MIT Medical. On-call psychiatrist Anthony Van Niel speaks with Shin on the phone for under five minutes, determines Shin is not “acutely suicidal,” and allows her to go home without instructions for follow-up.
12:30 a.m., April 10, 2000	Two Random Hall students notify Davis-Millis that Shin had told them of plans to kill herself later that day. Davis-Millis informs Van Niel and Henderson and talks with Shin, who says something to the effect of “you won’t have to worry about me any more.”
11 a.m. April 10, 2000	At a “deans and psychs meeting,” Henderson, Girard, Gottfried, Dr. Peter Reich and others discuss Shin’s case. Reich makes an appointment at an outside hospital for Shin the next day, leaving her a phone message.
9 p.m. April 10, 2000	The smoke alarm goes off at Random Hall. Shin is found to have suffered third degree burns on over 65 percent of her body.
April 14, 2000	Shin’s parents are told their daughter has irreversible neurological brain damage; at 1:50 a.m. doctors pronounce Shin dead.
April 18, 2000	A medical examiner determines the cause of death to be “self-inflicted thermal burns,” in agreement with Reich and MIT Chief of Police Anne P. Glavin.
Jan. 28, 2002	Shin’s parents file a wrongful death civil lawsuit against MIT and employees, claiming damages of \$27.65 million.
March 8–11, 2002	Defendants submit responses to the lawsuit denying wrongdoing.
April–May 2002	Defendants request and are granted medical records from Massachusetts General Hospital, the medical examiner’s, and McLean Hospital.
Aug. 27, 2002	A medical malpractice tribunal rules that there is sufficient evidence to raise questions of liability for the medical malpractice charges to proceed.
Mar 24, 2004	The judge orders the Shins to provide the defendants with their daughter’s computer and personal digital assistant.
Jan. 20, 2005	MIT and administrators Davis-Millis and Henderson file motions for summary judgment on all counts.
Jan. 31, 2005	Girard files a motion for summary judgment on all counts.
Feb. 1, 2005	Cunningham, Van Niel, and Reich file a motion for summary judgment on three of the counts against them. Girard joins the motion.
June 27, 2005	Judge Christine McEvoy rules on the motions for summary judgment, dismissing all charges against MIT and some charges against administrators and MIT Medical doctors.
July 14, 2005	Charges against MIT Police officers are dismissed with agreement of the Shins.
Ongoing	Shins will soon file paperwork dropping the counts against Gottfried and Mthembu.
Sept. 21, 2005	Final pre-trial conference will occur.

ARTS

RESTAURANT REVIEW

A White Girl’s Guide to Chinese Food  
How ‘Taste of Asia’ Compares to Neighborhood Favorites

By Elizabeth Zakszewski

Taste of Asia  
267 Huntington Avenue  
Boston, MA 02115  
(617) 262-6088  
<http://www.tasteofasia.biz>

As you can tell by my last name, I’m Vietnamese. No one ever laughs at that joke. I’m actually quite American. I grew up loving “Chinese” food — sweet and sour chicken and cashew chicken were always my favorites. It wasn’t until I came to MIT that I ventured into more “authentic” dishes than my old standbys.

I was craving Asian food one Friday, so I crossed the Harvard Bridge with a couple of friends to go restaurant hunting. One companion didn’t like Thai food, and another didn’t like Indian food, which limited our choices. It wasn’t until we passed Symphony Hall that we found Taste of Asia, whose name looked generic enough to suit everyone. I first noticed the unique decorations — the restaurant is styled after a “mod” diner but also includes traditional elements like Chinese fans and a fish tank; somehow, these styles don’t clash. My favorite touch is the neon sign shaped into Chinese characters.

I first tried the Egg Drop Soup (\$3.25), a classic American favorite. I found it too garlicky, but my boyfriend liked his. I much prefer the version of this soup at Mary Chung’s (464 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge), which I’ve frequented since my freshman year when a sharp upperclassman alerted me to it. Mary’s has a lot of great dishes, and their Sweet and Sour Chicken (\$6.75) is among the best I’ve had.

Another of my favorite Chinese dishes is sesame chicken. I like it with crispy, fried, breaded chicken, and the 77 Mass. Ave. Lunchbox Express food truck version with sliced white chicken is just not the same. I asked the waitress at Taste of Asia and happily discovered they make the dish (\$9.95) my way. It tasted just the way I like it and was even served atop a bed of crispy thin noodles with a flower-shaped orange rind as garnish. I was impressed.

I ventured back alone on a Saturday afternoon to further explore the menu. I had to wander back to the kitchen to let someone know I was there, and at one point, I had to stand up to request more water. But I brushed off the lazy service, attributing it to the fact that the place was dead, and it was around 90 degrees out; everyone gets lazy. Besides, it didn’t stop me from enjoying my meal, and the service had been great on the more busy night when I’d been there. I was a bit disappointed that they didn’t offer a lunch menu, but that didn’t deter me either. Now that I’d tried my “classic favorites,” I was ready to try my “new favorites.”

Ever since my friend from Thailand took me to a Thai restaurant back home and ordered Chow Foon (wide flat noodles) with her dish, I have been in love with them and now try them at every East Asian restaurant I go to. I was dismayed to find that the Beef Chow Foon here (\$6.95) was littered with onions (I hate onions), but the noodles were still delicious. The beef was fine too, but the best Beef Chow Foon in the area comes from Royal East (792 Main St., Cambridge). I’ve never been disappointed by any beef dishes there, but stay away from the Cashew Shrimp unless you like bland dishes filled with diced celery. Though Royal East is a bit expensive, it’s my favorite Chinese restaurant here because it has high-quality food, I adore the ambiance (understated and soothing), and it’s a nice walk from East Campus.

The coup de grace of my visit to Taste of Asia was the Peking Ravioli (pork) (six pieces for \$5.95), another dish I would have never thought to order until I saw an astute friend order it at Mary Chung’s. The ravioli at Taste of Asia, which I ordered fried, came in the form of large doughy dumplings that reminded me of pierogies (my favorite dish from the actual culture of my heritage). I think these are now my favorite Peking Ravioli, which says a lot, since I love this dish at both Royal East and Mary Chung’s.

One minor disclaimer I must give is that I got sick later that evening, though there are a number of possible causes beyond the food at Taste of Asia. I would still give the place another try, even if just for that Peking Ravioli. Even if your favorite dish is not one of mine, this would be a nice place to try for comparison with your local favorites.

# Trial Will Proceed Against MIT Doctors and Deans

Shin, from Page 1

programs.

### Many charges will go to trial

Though charges against the Institute itself were dismissed, McEvoy ruled that individual MIT administrators and doctors could legally be held responsible for Shin's death, and dismissed only a portion of the charges against them.

In her decisions, McEvoy cited a "deans and psychs" meeting between administrators and doctors on the day of Shin's death as providing sufficient evidence of relevant questions of fact for the counts to remain active. Despite information that Shin had said she would kill herself later that day, the participants at the meeting decided on no immediate treatment plan.

"The administrators and the medical professionals were working as a team ... and as a team, they simply let Elizabeth down," DeLuca said.

"When they had information that was sufficient and reasonable to act and to act aggressively they simply neglected or refused to do so."

According to a written statement, the Institute "will continue its defense of the members of its community who tried to help" Shin. MIT New Office Spokesperson Denise Brehm said that MIT typically does not comment about ongoing litigation.

McEvoy granted summary judgment on only two of six counts against Random Hall Housemaster Nina Davis-Millis and Arnold R. Henderson, former dean of Counseling and Support Services (since renamed Student Support Services). The four counts that remain active are for negligence, wrongful death, and conscious pain and suffering; the two dismissed were for negligent misrepresentation and negligent infliction of emotional distress.

The judge's decision said that although the administrators did not treat

Shin, they had met with her numerous times and had discussed Shin's case on the day of her death. As such, there was sufficient evidence that the administrators might have been able to foresee that Shin would harm herself, and they had a duty to "exercise reasonable care to protect Elizabeth from harm."

Four doctors from MIT Medical who were involved in treating Shin for mental health issues, Cunningham, Kristine A. Girard, Anthony Van Niel, and Peter Reich, also filed a motion for partial summary judgment requesting that four of the six counts of medical malpractice against them be thrown out; two of the four were discarded. Girard also independently filed a motion requesting that all six counts against her be discarded; her motion was denied on the additional two counts.

"We believe the quality of the care that was rendered was excellent, and that the attention that was given to the

patient was entirely appropriate," said Dailey, who is representing Girard, Reich, and Van Niel.

Charges against a third administrator, Ayida S. Mthembu, associate dean of Student Support Services, and a fifth doctor, Lili A. Gottfried have been dismissed by agreement of both parties, according to DeLuca and Brehm.

The remaining charges will continue to trial with a pre-trial conference set for Sept. 21.

The judge's rulings granting summary judgment in favor of the defendants can be appealed once decisions have been made on all counts filed by the Shins.

### Charges against police dismissed

Charges filed against MIT Police officers, who responded to a call by a Random Hall resident when the fire alarm went off and transported Shin to the hospital, were dismissed by agreement of all parties involved July 14,

with no appeal possible.

"The MIT Police officers in this case were the heroes," said attorney Leonard H. Kesten, who represented the police officers in the lawsuit. "They risked their lives to save hers. It's a shame they were in the suit, and I think the Shin family recognized that in the end."

The counts filed against the MIT police officers, former Chief of MIT Police Anne P. Glavin, former Dispatcher Orlando Tirella, and former Officer Paul Valentino, were for negligence, wrongful death, conscious pain and suffering, and negligent infliction of emotional distress.

The complaint filed by the Shins in 2002 had stated that the officers had "acted in a wilful, wanton, reckless, or grossly negligent manner," causing Shin's death, and had failed to provide reasonable security and emergency services to Shin.

*Beckett W. Sterner contributed to the reporting of this story.*

## MIT's Statement on Summary Judgment

July 22, 2005 — The Middlesex Superior Court has issued its ruling on several motions for summary judgment that were filed in the lawsuit brought by the parents of Elizabeth Shin. Judge Christine McEvoy granted MIT's motion for summary judgment in its entirety and dismissed all claims against MIT. The Court dismissed some of the claims against two MIT administrators and against four MIT psychiatrists, all of whom are being sued individually, but ruled that other claims against these individuals, which involve disputed factual issues, must be decided by a jury. (The Shins earlier had agreed to voluntarily dismiss the claims they asserted against another administrator, a MIT psychiatrist and the campus police officers.)

MIT is pleased that the Court has granted summary judgment on all claims against the Institute, but is disappointed that summary judgment was denied on some of the claims against the individual defendants. As MIT stated at the outset of the litigation, the death of Elizabeth Shin was a tragedy — for this bright young woman, her family and friends, and all those at MIT who tried to help her. But it was not the fault of MIT or anyone who works at MIT. The Institute will continue its defense of the members of its community who tried to help her.

SOURCE: MIT NEWS OFFICE

## Counts in Lawsuit, By Defendant

Defendant	Count	Status
MIT	1. Breach of contract 2. Breach of implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing 3. Promissory estoppel 4. Unfair and deceptive business practices	Summary judgment granted June 27 Summary judgment granted June 27 Summary judgment granted June 27 Summary judgment granted June 27
Nina Davis-Millis, Random Hall housemaster	5. Negligent misrepresentation 6. Negligence 7. Wrongful death 8. Wrongful death—gross negligence 9. Constant pain and suffering 10. Negligent Infliction of emotional distress	Summary judgment granted June 27 Summary judgment denied June 27 Summary judgment denied June 27 Summary judgment denied June 27 Summary judgment denied June 27 Summary judgment granted June 27
Arnold R. Henderson, former associate dean of Counseling and Support Services	5. Negligent misrepresentation 6. Negligence 7. Wrongful death 8. Wrongful death—gross negligence 9. Constant pain and suffering 10. Negligent infliction of emotional distress	Summary judgment granted June 27 Summary judgment denied June 27 Summary judgment denied June 27 Summary judgment denied June 27 Summary judgment denied June 27 Summary judgment granted June 27
Ayida S. Mthembu, associate dean of Student Support Services (formerly CSS)	5. Negligent misrepresentation 6. Negligence 7. Wrongful death 8. Wrongful death—gross negligence 9. Constant pain and suffering 10. Negligent Infliction of emotional distress	Dismissal by agreement of parties pending Dismissal by agreement of parties pending Dismissal by agreement of parties pending Dismissal by agreement of parties pending Dismissal by agreement of parties pending Dismissal by agreement of parties pending
Peter Reich, medical consultant to Chancellor's office, former chief of Mental Health Services	11. Medical malpractice — negligence 12. Medical malpractice — wrongful death 13. Medical malpractice — gross negligence 14. Medical malpractice — conscious pain and suffering 15. Medical malpractice — negligent infliction of emotional distress 16. Medical malpractice — violation of M.G.L. c.93A	Unchanged Unchanged Summary judgment denied June 27 Unchanged Summary judgment granted June 27 Summary judgment granted June 27
Kristine A. Girard, associate chief of Mental Health Services	11. Medical malpractice — negligence 12. Medical malpractice — wrongful death 13. Medical malpractice — gross negligence 14. Medical malpractice — conscious pain and suffering 15. Medical malpractice — negligent infliction of emotional distress 16. Medical malpractice — violation of M.G.L. c.93A	Summary judgment denied June 27 Summary judgment denied June 27 Summary judgment denied June 27 Summary judgment denied June 27 Summary judgment granted June 27 Summary judgment granted June 27
Linda Cunningham, former MIT Medical psychiatrist	11. Medical malpractice — negligence 12. Medical malpractice — wrongful death 13. Medical malpractice — gross negligence 14. Medical malpractice — conscious pain and suffering 15. Medical malpractice — negligent infliction of emotional distress 16. Medical malpractice — violation of M.G.L. c.93A	Unchanged Unchanged Summary judgment denied June 27 Unchanged Summary judgment granted June 27 Summary judgment granted June 27
Anthony Van Niel, MIT Medical psychiatrist	11. Medical malpractice — negligence 12. Medical malpractice — wrongful death 13. Medical malpractice — gross negligence 14. Medical malpractice — conscious pain and suffering 15. Medical malpractice — negligent infliction of emotional distress 16. Medical malpractice — violation of M.G.L. c.93A	Unchanged Unchanged Summary judgment denied June 27 Unchanged Summary judgment granted June 27 Summary judgment granted June 27
Lili A. Gottfried, MIT Medical Psychiatrist	11. Medical malpractice — negligence 12. Medical malpractice — wrongful death 13. Medical malpractice — gross negligence 14. Medical malpractice — conscious pain and suffering 15. Medical malpractice — negligent infliction of emotional distress 16. Medical malpractice — violation of M.G.L. c.93A	Dismissal by agreement of parties pending Dismissal by agreement of parties pending Dismissal by agreement of parties pending Dismissal by agreement of parties pending Dismissal by agreement of parties pending Dismissal by agreement of parties pending
Anne P. Glavin, former MIT chief of police	17. Negligence 18. Wrongful death 19. Wrongful death — gross negligence 20. Conscious pain and suffering 21. Negligent infliction of emotional distress	Dismissed by agreement of parties July 14 Dismissed by agreement of parties July 14 Dismissed by agreement of parties July 14 Dismissed by agreement of parties July 14 Dismissed by agreement of parties July 14
Orlando Tirella, former MIT Police dispatcher	17. Negligence 18. Wrongful death 19. Wrongful death — gross negligence 20. Conscious pain and suffering 21. Negligent infliction of emotional distress	Dismissed by agreement of parties July 14 Dismissed by agreement of parties July 14 Dismissed by agreement of parties July 14 Dismissed by agreement of parties July 14 Dismissed by agreement of parties July 14
Paul Valentino, former MIT Police officer	17. Negligence 18. Wrongful death 19. Wrongful death — gross negligence 20. Conscious pain and suffering 21. Negligent infliction of emotional distress	Dismissed by agreement of parties July 14 Dismissed by agreement of parties July 14 Dismissed by agreement of parties July 14 Dismissed by agreement of parties July 14 Dismissed by agreement of parties July 14

SOURCE: MEMORANDUM OF DECISION AND ORDER ON DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT, CASE DOCKET, SHIN FAMILY ATTORNEY DAVID A. DELUCA

Counts in black are active and excepting further changes will proceed to trial. Counts in gray are no longer active.

## List of Counts in Lawsuit

Count	Brief Description
1. Breach of contract	Plaintiffs claim they had a contract with MIT, requiring MIT to provide adequate medical, security, and emergency services to Shin. They allege that MIT broke this contract by its failure to provide such services.
2. Breach of implied covenant and fair dealing.	Plaintiffs claim they had a "reasonable expectation" that MIT would supervise and care for Shin, assuming the duties of a parent. They claim that MIT failed to provide such care, and therefore broke an implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing.
3. Promissory estoppel	Plaintiffs claim their reliance on MIT's "clear and unambiguous promise" to provide "necessary and reasonable" educational, medical, emergency, and security services, to Shin's detriment, caused damages and other harm to them.
4. Violation of M.G.L. c.93A Unfair and Deceptive Business Practices	Plaintiffs claim MIT's failure to provide adequate mental health services is a deceptive business practice. They also claim MIT's failure to create an adequate mental health protocol, specifically with regard to parental involvement, as well as its failure to maintain adequate fire prevention systems in Random Hall, constitute "a wilful, wanton or reckless violation of law" that resulted in Shin's death.
5. Negligent misrepresentation	Plaintiffs claim that materials provided by MIT made misrepresentations that Shin would be provided adequate medical care by MIT. They also claim misrepresentations were made by the administrators.
6. Negligence	Plaintiffs claim the defendants were negligent in providing adequate educational and medical care to Shin, which she was owed as an undergraduate.
7. Wrongful death	Plaintiffs claim the administrators "owed a duty of care" to Shin, and that their negligence led to her death.
8. Wrongful death — gross negligence	Plaintiffs claim that the administrators acted in a "wilful, wanton, reckless, or grossly negligent manner causing the death by suicide" of Shin, including in their failure to design adequate mental health protocol regarding parental involvement.
9. Conscious pain and suffering	Plaintiffs claim defendants negligently caused the conscious pain and suffering of Shin.
10. Negligent infliction of emotional distress	Plaintiffs claim administrators "owed a duty of care" to notify the Shins in a timely manner of a serious illness or injury of Shin; the administrators' failure to do so led the plaintiffs to suffer "physical injury and severe emotional distress."
11. Medical malpractice — negligence	Plaintiffs claim MIT Medical professionals were negligent in providing adequate care to Shin.
12. Medical malpractice — wrongful death	Plaintiffs claim MIT Medical professionals failed to provide adequate staffing, coordination of care, and diagnosis to Shin, causing her suicide.
13. Medical malpractice — wrongful death — gross negligence	Plaintiffs claim MIT Medical professionals failed to provide adequate staffing and coordination of Shin's care and acted "in a wilful, wanton, reckless, or grossly negligent manner" by failing to design adequate mental health protocol, including parental notification.
14. Medical malpractice — conscious pain and suffering	Plaintiffs claim negligence on the part of MIT Medical professionals caused the conscious pain and suffering of Shin.
15. Medical malpractice — negligent infliction of emotional distress	Plaintiff's claim they suffered emotional distress from the failure of MIT Medical professionals to properly diagnose and treat Shin's mental and medical illnesses.
16. Medical malpractice — violation of M.G.L. c.93A	Plaintiffs claim MIT Medical's failures to provide proper care to Shin and design adequate protocols constitutes a deceptive business practice and caused harm to Shin and the Plaintiffs.
17. Negligence	Plaintiffs claim MIT Police officers negligently failed to provide adequate security and emergency services to Shin.
18. Wrongful death	Plaintiffs claim MIT Police officers' actions negligently caused Shin's death.
19. Wrongful death — gross negligence	Plaintiffs claim that MIT Police officers acted "in a wilful, wanton, reckless, or grossly negligent manner," causing Shin's death.
20. Conscious pain and suffering	Plaintiffs claim MIT Police officers negligently caused the conscious pain and suffering of Shin.
21. Negligent infliction of emotional distress	Plaintiffs claim they have suffered "physical injury and emotional distress" as a result of MIT Police officers' failure to provide adequate security and emergency services to Shin.

SOURCE: COMPLAINT FILED BY SHINS IN 2000

For the status of counts and a breakdown of counts by individual, refer to table at left.



SPORTS

What the Foulke Has Gone So Wrong With The Red Sox Bullpen

By Christopher Bettinger  
COLUMNIST

There is a certain feeling you get when you watch a movie lacking that classic storybook ending — movies like “American History X,” “Seven,” and even “Casablanca.” Just when things seem like they might work out, everything ends up in shambles, with a stomach-churning ending.

And when the credits start rolling, you can’t but help think about how it all went wrong and what could have been. It’s mid-season for Major League Baseball, the Sox are in the midst of a tight pennant race, and I have a sneaking suspicion that Red Sox General Manager Theo Epstein is starting to see the credits roll on the most gut-wrenching show in Boston ... the Red Sox bullpen.

When spring training started in Fort Myers back in March, Theo Epstein, along with the rest of Red Sox Nation, thought, with good reason, that the bullpen was in good shape for the 2005 campaign. The perfect cast was in place, and the names looked impressive on paper. We had our fire-ballers in Embree and the newly-acquired Matt Mantei from Arizona. We had our new long-inning man (Halama), lefty specialist (Myers), set-up man (Timlin), and most importantly, a bona fide closer in Keith Foulke. But as we all learned from the 2004 ALCS, games aren’t played on paper.

Since the All-Star break, the Red Sox bullpen has been among the worst in the American League. With the exception of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, the Red Sox relief pitching is last in the American League in the following statistics:

Red Sox Bullpen Stats Since The All-Star Break, July 11		
WHIP	Walks/Hits Per Inning	1.52
BAA	Opponents Batting Average	0.287
OBP	On-Base Percentage	0.361
ERA	Earned Run Average	5.54

The question is why the bullpen is performing so poorly. Four of the six relief pitchers have drastically underperformed compared to their career averages. The individual ERA’s of Halama, Embree, and Mantei in the 2005 season are at least 1.40 runs above their career averages.

Mantei has lost command of the strike zone and has allowed almost one walk per inning pitched, which can be traced back to an injury that requires season-ending surgery. Embree has lost the ability to spot his fastball, and has given up more home runs and walks prior to the All-Star break this season than in the entire 2004 campaign. Halama’s inflated ERA can be attributed to his inability to perform in the clutch by allowing opponent batters to amass a 1.076 OPS (on-base plus slugging percentage) with runners in scoring position. This is probably because he is used as a long reliever (read: mop-up pitcher) during blowout games or when the starter for that day has struggled immensely.

But by far the biggest disappointment this season has been Keith “Meatball” Foulke. Like Embree, Foulke has been struggling with his control. Foulke is on pace to give up more than twice the number of home runs, while his walks per nine IP have jumped from 1.6 to 3.5 and his strikeouts per nine IP have dropped from 6.7 last season to 8.6.

The reason for Keith Foulke’s struggles in the first half of the season was also simple: he was injured. Despite this, Foulke continued to pitch even as the velocity on his fastball dropped significantly. Batters were becoming more patient, going deeper into counts, and were sitting on his blazing 86-mile per hour fastball, ready to pound one into the bleachers. Foulke has given up more first-pitch home runs and doubles than any other count throughout his career. However during the 2005 season, he has given up no first pitch home runs, while over half of his gopher balls have come on 0-2 or 1-1 counts.

Furthermore, Foulke’s insistence on pitching, even with his personal injury, cost the Sox as many as four games in the first half of the season. His ineptitude on the mound has both angered and frustrated the fans, team, and management, prompting the dawn of the “Schilling-for-closer” era. While complex clubhouse issues and seemingly endless politics are involved in this decision, only time will tell if this experiment pays long-term dividends. But all that matters is that Foulke won’t be the closer until August or September, and one of the Red Sox pitchers will have to step up and play an unfamiliar role. Whoever takes over the lead role in the farce of the Red Sox bullpen, let’s hope the script in the second half of the season calls for a fairy-tale ending like the 2004 post-season, not a tragedy like the first half of 2005.

Fidkowski Leads MIT Triathlon Club In Holliston Lions Sprint Competition

By Krzysztof Fidkowski  
TEAM MEMBER

Several MIT triathlon club members participated in the Holliston Lions triathlon at Stoddard Park in Holliston, MA on July 10. The triathlon was sprint distance, featuring a half-mile swim, a 15-mile bike ride, and a five-mile run. The conditions proved ideal for racing, with pleasantly cool water temperature, light winds, and a lack of sweltering heat.

Anthony J. Schrauth G, Peter M. Mayer G, and Krzysztof J. Fidkowski G raced individually, while Jennifer

Dobson teamed up with sister Kathleen L. Dobson in the relay division.

Schrauth started off with a strong swim of 10:10, which put him in 19th place out of the water, out of a total of 224 individual participants. After a great bike time of 42:02, Schrauth lost a little ground on the run, clocking in 40:57 and ending up 41st overall and 6th in his age group.

Mayer had a rough swim start and was in 59th place out of the water with a time of 11:26. However, he made up for it with a speedy 40:57 bike time, and then finished with a 37:22 run time, which put him in 24th place overall and 4th in his age group.

Fidkowski made good use of pre-

vious drafting swim workouts, and was 5th out of the water with a time of 9:03. He lost some ground on the bike with a time of 41:16, but then came back with a 31:12 run time to end up 6th overall and 2nd in his age group.

Finally, K. Dobson made her triathlon swimming debut with a great swim time of 12:22, while J. Dobson finished up with a spectacular bike time of 45:01, and a consistent run of 42:54. The Dobson and Dobson team took 2nd place in the all-female relay division.

The club is currently training for its next race, the Witch City triathlon Aug. 7, in Salem, MA. This will also be a sprint distance triathlon.



SAM MAURER

The Korean Flying Tigers perform acrobatic maneuvers in Johnson Athletic Center in a show sponsored by the MIT Sport Tae Kwon Do Club.

Kyungmin Collegiate Tae Kwon Do Team Dazzles at MIT Exhibition

By Brian Chase  
SPORTS EDITOR

MIT’s no slouch when it comes to Tae Kwon Do. The olympic Sport Tae Kwon Do Club here has captured the Ivy-Northeast Collegiate Taekwondo League title each of the past three years, while having only existed as a competitive group for four. But on Monday, July 18, MIT students and community members were able to observe Tae Kwon Do at a still higher level: a demonstration team of college students who effectively major in Tae Kwon Do at Kyungmin College in Korea gave an hour-long performance in the Johnson Athletic Center as part of their U.S. tour.

In Korea, students can make their primary study the art of Tae Kwon Do at martial arts colleges such as Kyungmin. Students choose between training to compete in Tae Kwon Do, similar to the MIT Sport team though on a quite different scale, or to demonstrate Tae Kwon Do, working on forms and acrobatic feats unlikely to be useful in actual competition. The “Flying Tigers,” as the touring team is called, comprises students studying the latter. They displayed the fruit of their efforts at MIT, showing off amazing acrobatics and impressive martial arts routines.

The Flying Tigers performed three types of demonstrations. The first, forms, or poomse in Korean, were choreographed punches and kicks, sometimes to music, which groups of the students performed in unison. For their U.S. tour, the Tigers combined most of their punch

and kick combos with modern dance steps, while American music played in the background. This tactic, designed to appeal to American audiences, was hit or miss.

The final form was a strong, entertaining series to “We Will Rock You” and “The Eye of the Tiger,” rock songs where the heavy back beats helped emphasize the strong kicks and punches the students delivered. Other combinations, such as a sequence to Britney Spears’s song “Hit Me Baby One More Time” were less enjoyable because the Tae Kwon Do was slightly de-emphasized and was intermixed with the grinding dance moves Spears performs, which, to me, only cheapened and westernized a strong martial art.

It also seemed creepy that all the students were moving their hips without a trace of emotion on their faces. Still, the choreography was cool to watch, especially in the silent forms, which impressed viewers with the power of the art when the students broke out an array of backflips, 360’s and aerial half-twists. Watching those, one imagines a really good dance troupe and gymnastics team, which could also kick your butt.

The second type of demonstrations was choreographed fights among elder members of the team, which showed off a dizzying series of punch/kick combos and throws, without any pretense of being real. It was vaguely like professional wrestling, except the performers weren’t the size of Mack trucks, and were far more acrobatic and professional.

The common plotline to these “fights”: men approach a woman (or women) and proceed to hit on her. When she brushes them off, they become mad, try to force her, and then she kicks their butts, with whatever item happens to be at hand. In one fight, it was a fan, in another a purse, in a third, a loop of cord. All ended with the guys writhing theatrically on the ground, courtesy of a devastating throw or sweep kick.

The grappling was impressive; in one sequence, a female leapt sideways at an attacker’s head and wrapped around it as she flew until she was on his back and facing the other direction; then, she let her body weight and momentum slam him down. Seeing the guys writhing on the ground in fake pain, waving their arms and legs like jellyfish while “recovering” from some combo caused unintentional comedy; in reality, they were waiting for the girls to set them up for an impressive

acrobatic throw.

But the actual punch-kick interchanges were cheapened by the large amounts of air visible between the attack thrown and the body it was supposed to hit. I would actually suggest that before further similar demonstrations, the squad should watch a little professional wrestling to learn how to make it more believable.

The Kyungmin team’s final, most unique, and most impressive type of demonstration was board breaking. Several students held out balsa boards, which seemed a quarter to a half-inch thick, in a formation, and another student run into them, kicking as he or she went, breaking the boards in quick fashion. Often four or more boards were broken in one jump, as the student kicked two on the way up, and then half-twisted in the air to reach two far apart, or flew through two more boards with one leg extended. The sound of the boards breaking added to the experience, as if four small guns were firing in quick succession as the student flew through the air.

As the demonstration continued, the challenges became increasingly difficult. Students built small human pyramids and held the boards near the top, forcing breakers to lay out a full backflip, or leap off another student, who served as a foothold, to reach them. One fun challenge had four students make themselves into two steps leading to four boards in the air. The board breaker ran the human stairs, then kicked the boards as he flew by in a standing position. The move looked like something straight out of a martial arts movie (and who’s to say it wasn’t?).

Not all the students successfully broke their boards, but even failed attempts impressed — they helped the audience understand the difficulty of the routines.

Grand Master Won-Sub Kim, one of the instructors of the Kyungmin squad traveling with them, said it took half a year of training three to four hours a day for the students to learn the demonstrations they performed. The students’ U.S. tour was their summer vacation, and while it was voluntary, the skills on display were the same ones they have to master to graduate. The team will return to Boston later this summer as their U.S. tour winds down, and I highly recommend attending. There are few places or times you can see live the kind of martial arts skill that the Kyungmin Flying Tigers put on, especially from college students.

Because without someone writing about it, it’s just running in the wind.

join@the-tech.mit.edu